

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested along with the amendments and remarks of November 12, 2003.

Claims 1-11 and 35-40 are pending. Claims 12-34 have been canceled, without prejudice. The Examiner's allowance of claims 6 is acknowledged with appreciation. See, page 6 of the Office Action dated August 11, 2003 (Paper No. 18).

The claims have been further amended above assuming the Amendment of November 12, 2003, has been entered. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned if anything further is required with required to the form of the present Amendment.

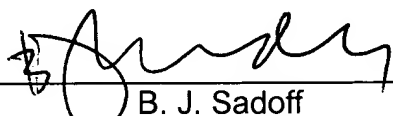
No new matter has been added. Support for the amended claims is believed to be provided throughout the specification.

All the claims are submitted to be condition for allowance for the reasons noted in the remarks of the Amendment dated November 12, 2003.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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